

13. (amended)            A weighing machine for weighing off batches of material, said weighing machine comprising a frame portion on which a central distributor, a plurality of transporters and a plurality of scales are mounted, and wherein the transporters are arranged around the central distributor and configured with a view to transporting material from the distributor and radially outwards from the central distributor and to the scales characterized in that the weighing machine comprises one or more substantially uninterrupted [frustoconical] shields in the form of screen faces that extend upwards and downwards underneath the transporters in the operative position of the machine.